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REPORT NO.

TOPIC

Retzow Airfield

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16 May to 14 September 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 May 1952, [] Retzow airfield [] two approach lanes at the field extend 300 meters beyond the eastern and western ends of the runway and have a maximum width of 700 meters at their ends, from where they taper to the runway. Trees are to be cut within these lanes. *
2. On 16 July, [] most of the area of the field had been cleared of trees. Leveling work was being done. Work on a runway had not yet been started. The Retzow-Meyenburg road, which was blocked, will be included in the future landing field of the installation. Source observed some soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. According to a German civilian employed at the field, these soldiers were quartered in two temporary buildings at the northern edge of the field. A transformer station was observed beside these buildings. *
3. On 16 August, [] the entire area of Retzow airfield, which was under construction had been cleared of trees. The area was leveled and rolled, and its surface was rather firm even in rainy weather. The Freienhagen-Retzow road, which crossed the field, was blocked by unguarded barriers at the northern and southern edges of the installation. About 400 meters southeast from the northern barrier, three wires branched off from a high tension line running parallel to the road. At this point, [] an electrical apparatus the size of a three-ton truck; apparently it was a transformer. A cable three centimeters thick led from the transformer to the ground. The three wires extended in the direction of the low wooden buildings at the northern edge of the lane.
4. White pegs about 25 centimeters long and 50 meters apart were set up in a line parallel to the northern edge of the field, about 100 meters distant from it. About 20 soldiers with blue epaulets and two trucks were seen near the low wooden buildings at the northern edge of the lane. Two officers, who had come from Retzow and wore blue epaulets with air force insignia entered the cantonment. Trucks [] were also observed.

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5. On 10 September, [redacted] observed a clearing with an estimated length of 3,000 meters in the wooded area near Retzow. Peat dust was being spread over the cleared area, which was also being rolled. Soviet soldiers were stationed in the area, where construction work was started as early as the spring of 1952. **

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[redacted] comment. Construction work at the field seems to progress slowly. The pegs mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present report may mark the course of a fence scheduled for construction.

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